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Roman Numeral Tattoo Date Checklist

A simple planning guide for date format, Roman numeral layout, placement, readability, and artist discussion.

Use this checklist before your tattoo appointment

clear date → Roman numerals → layout → placement → artist check

Created for tattoo planning. Final size, spacing, line weight, and placement should be confirmed with a tattoo artist.

STEP 1

Confirm the original date

Before converting a date into Roman numerals, write the date clearly. A date like **06/09/2024** can mean June 9 in one country and 6 September in another.

For a tattoo with personal meaning, the original date should be unambiguous before any layout or font decision.

Safer ways to write the date first

June 9, 2024
Month written in words

2024-06-09
ISO-style date order

Quick checks

- Write the original date in a clear, non-ambiguous format.
- Decide whether you want month-day-year, day-month-year, or year-month-day order.
- Keep a plain-text version of the date to show your artist before reviewing the stencil.
- Do not start with the Roman numerals until the source date is clear.

STEP 2

Compare Roman numeral layouts

Most Roman numeral date tattoos convert the month, day, and year separately. The same date can feel minimal, formal, or decorative depending on spacing and separators.

Example: June 19, 2026

VI · XIX · MMXXVI

Dots keep month, day, and year visually separated.

Layout	Example	Planning note
Dot-separated	VI · XIX · MMXXVI	Clean and easy to explain. Watch spacing at small sizes.
Space-separated	VI XIX MMXXVI	Minimal, but needs enough room to stay readable.
Slash-separated	VI / XIX / MMXXVI	Clear structure, slightly more graphic.
Vertical	VI XIX MMXXVI	Can fit narrow areas, but alignment matters.

STEP 3

Check readability and placement

Roman numeral tattoos are often small, but small tattoos still need room. Long year numerals, decorative fonts, tiny dots, and tight spacing can become harder to read at tattoo scale.

Readability questions

- Will the numerals stay readable at the final size?
- Are separators and lines too close together?
- Would a simpler lettering style age better?
- Can the date still be read from a normal viewing distance?

Placement questions

- Do you want to see the tattoo yourself?
- Does it need to be easy to cover at work?
- Does the layout need horizontal, vertical, or curved space?
- Could the placement affect future tattoos around it?

Planning note
A narrow wrist layout may need different spacing than a forearm, rib, collarbone, or upper arm. The same date can need a different layout depending on where it goes.

STEP 4

Discuss the final version with your artist

Even if the Roman numeral conversion is correct, the final tattoo still needs an artist's eye. Size, spacing, line weight, placement, and stencil position should be checked before the tattoo starts.

Appointment-day checklist

- Confirm the final size on your body.
- Check the exact placement and angle from more than one view.
- Review spacing between numeral groups and separators.
- Ask whether the line weight fits the final size.
- Mention anything that feels too tight, too small, or slightly off before the tattoo starts.

Final thought

A Roman numeral tattoo is not only a number conversion. It is a small design decision that should stay readable over time.

Convert and plan: aimaketattoo.com/roman-numeral-tattoo-generator